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ENGLISH FLEET WINS EASILY IN PAPER WAR

Experts Show How German Fleet Would Be Annihilated If It Made Dash From Kiel—On Western Front Battle Rages In Swirling Snowstorm—German Loss Appalling—Rumania Sends Reservists Home—Greece Will Not Be Drawn In—Nothing Known of Capture of Roon

By Wilbur S. Forrest,
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London, Feb. 10.—The idea that the German fleet will come dashing out of the Kiel canal some day, equipped with a new type of 17 inch guns that will blow England's dreadnoughts to pieces is ridiculed by British naval experts. Press reports say the new gun will hurl more than a ton of metal 20 miles, and that inactivity of the German navy recently has been due to time taken in placing these new weapons.

British naval officers, however, believe that the fifteen-inch gun with which the monster Queen Elizabeth is equipped, constitutes the maximum calibre for real efficiency, especially in the North Sea where the British and German fleets might clash.

They point out that the British swift cruisers and destroyers could drive in small boats which the Germans would have to assign to "spot" the hits at twenty miles, and then the 17-inch dreadnoughts would be within range of the smaller but more accurate British guns.

"We could then simply blow them out of the water" said one naval critic.

The hazy atmosphere of the North sea, too, would make it difficult to establish a range.

London, Feb. 10.—German losses in the terrible fighting for the Vimy Heights and along the Somme south of Arras totalled 60,000 more than the British casualties in the Loos offensive in September, according to information reached here today.

The battle still continues in a swirling snowstorm. The French are staging vicious counter attacks near the Neuville-LaFolle road where the Germans claimed to have captured a half mile of French trenches Tuesday night. Artillery battling proceeds around Frise where the French are razing the last few buildings, while the Germans, with mines and grenades, are seeking to improve their positions at that point.

The struggle, at certain sections, has developed into hand to hand fighting. The Paris communique today related heavily on the Neuville-St. Follie road last night, but claimed that they were repulsed except where they occupied a mine crater. An artillery duel, said the statement, continued from Hill 119 to the Neuville-Thelus road. By a grenade attack, the Germans were expelled from communication trenches west of LaFolle. Fifty prisoners were taken south of the Somme.

Know Nothing Of Capture. Hamilton, Bermuda, Feb. 10.—Nothing is known here concerning reports of capture of the German warship Roon by the British armored cruiser Drake.

The above message to the United Press refers to the report carried yesterday by the New York Globe, saying the Drake had bagged the Roon and two merchantmen after a three hour fight about 200 miles from Bermuda. Similar denials came today from several other correspondents. Capture of the Roon, supposed by some to have been the raider that caught the British liner Appam, remains unconfirmed.

Zepplins Sank Cruiser. Berlin, by wireless to Sayville, L. I., Feb. 10.—In their last raid on England, Zepplins bombarded and sank the British cruiser Caroline, and the destroyers Eden and Nies, the Cologne Gazette reported today.

Western Union Manager Brooks Dies Suddenly. New York, Feb. 10.—Belvidere Brooks, vice-president and general manager of the Western Union Telegraph company, died here today.

Death, due to heart failure, came suddenly. Though he had not been in good health for some months, he was at his office as usual yesterday. This morning he was ill, and decided to remain at home. He died shortly before noon.

Brooks' rise to position of general manager of the company was a romance of business. Born in Wheelock, Texas, July 6, 1859, he became a messenger boy at the age of 12, and studied telegraphy during his spare hours. While he was still a youth he was appointed manager of the Western Union at El Paso. Gradually he went through the posts of superintendent at Dallas, Texas, and Denver, general superintendent of the eastern and southern divisions with headquarters at New York. In 1910 he became general superintendent and was appointed in 1913 to the position of vice-president and general manager. Brooks was a widower with four sons.

A rumor was afloat here this morning that Mrs. Lela Bud would return to her husband without requisition, but her attorney was playing a boss pool and could not be seen. Where there's so much smoke there must be some coupons.

MARSHALL TO RUN.

Portland, Or., Feb. 10.—The name of Vice-President Marshall will be placed on the primary ballots in Oregon. This was determined yesterday when Postmaster Myers received a letter from Marshall's secretary, Mark Thistlethwaite. The letter said: "The vice-president could not bring himself to ask any one to file petitions for him, but if petitions are filed for him, he certainly will not repudiate the honor."

LONG HIGHWAYMAN ROBS UP U. P. TRAIN

Cleaned Out Passengers In Smoker and One Pullman But Did Not Rob Women

Cheyenne, Wyo., Feb. 10.—Passes are pursuing a lone, young highwayman who last night at Green River boarded the eastbound Union Pacific train No. 18, made up at Portland, Ore., and robbed men in the smoker and in two Pullmans before he became frightened, stopped the train and escaped near Rock Springs.

The highwayman did not molest women passengers, and he politely reassured them that he intended them no harm. Only one shot was fired, and that merely as a warning. It went wide over the conductor's head.

The bandit's face was concealed by a white mask which only imperfectly hid his smooth shaven face. Encountering the flagman in the smoking compartment, the bandit forced him, at the point of a revolver, to hold a hat into which he ordered the passengers to drop only cash. In this way he obtained \$60 in the smoker. Then he turned his attention elsewhere but did not stop for the one male in the next Pullman forward.

In the midst of operations in the second Pullman from the observation car, the conductor entered from the diner, and drew fire from the bandit's revolver. The conductor hurriedly threw up his hands, but when the robber thrust his head into a berth to get a passenger's money, the conductor ran back.

The highwayman then pulled the cord, stopping the train. Thereupon he ran back to the observation car and dropped off in the darkness. Two well filled coaches ahead of the diner were thus left unattended. The sheriff of Green River, and officials from Rock Springs formed a posse but got no trace of the man.

Austrian Submarine Robs Standard Oil Ship

Washington, Feb. 10.—Austria must explain why a submarine stopped the Standard Oil tanker Petrolite recently on the high seas and helped itself to stores aboard.

In announcing this today, Secretary of State Lansing said the request was not a note, though "perhaps there may be demands later."

The demands are based on affidavits of Captain Thompson that the Petrolite, flying the American flag and showing other neutral markings, while en route from Alexandria, Egypt to Philadelphia was fired on by a submarine, and one member of the crew was wounded by a shot after the ship stopped.

The submarine commander sought provisions, but Thompson refused to sell any. "We'll take them anyway," the commander is said to have replied, suiting the action to the word, and meantime holding an American as hostage on the submarine.

It is reported that Thompson's affidavit claimed the submarine fired on him as he was rising to diver to present his papers.

Officials, however, refused to consider the case as a new "crisis" in international affairs, and they insisted that if the situation is as outlined by Thompson, Austria will offer reparations and indemnity as she promised in her Ancona note.

WILSON, HUGHES AND ROOSEVELT "THE BIG THREE"

Politicians Expect President to Announce Candidacy In Near Future

HUGHES IS SHY ABOUT IT BUT ROOSEVELT WILLING

Latter Would Accept Nomination If Coming From Northern States

Washington, Feb. 10.—Spring political millinery is being hurried into the ring, and yanked out again with real June fever. The White House, Oyster Bay and the supreme court are buzzing about new developments affecting President Wilson, Colonel Roosevelt and Justice Hughes.

Publication of Justice Hughes' letter to Representative Sloop declaring his name is not in the ring for the republican nomination brought the New York Times to the political limelight today for possibly the last time unless his name is suddenly sprung in the June convention of the G. O. P.

At the same time, publication of President Wilson's letter, permitting use of his name in the Ohio primaries, and thus definitely throwing his hat into the ring, is imminent.

And again, the declaration of Cecil Lyon of Texas that Roosevelt "is" the presidential nomination if it comes from republican—and not southern—states added to the general excitement attendant upon the political millinery exhibit. Roosevelt's forthright intention to provide another "back-from-Africa" home coming.

Sloop's letters indicated that Mr. Hitchcock is interesting himself in a campaign for Hughes. From Hitchcock, however, came a denial today that such is the case, while Hughes' reply to Sloop declared that the justice is out of the political game.

The administration drew some sunshine from the announcement of the Nebraska gubernatorial candidacy of Charles Bryan of Lincoln, with the intimation that he and presumably his brother, former Secretary of State Bryan, will support President Wilson's nomination although opposing his preparedness program.

No Organization for Hughes. New York, Feb. 10.—Replying to claims that he had been fostering an organization to work for the nomination of Justice Hughes for the republican nomination for president, former Postmaster General Hitchcock declared today:

"There is no organization as far as I know, working for Hughes' nomination. Neither am I about to promote any such organization."

Correspondence between Representative Sloop, Virginia republican, and Hughes, claimed Hitchcock had been trying to gain Virginia republican support for Hughes. In reply, Hughes wrote that he was out of politics and was opposed to use of his name in connection with the nomination.

Will Attack Armed Ships Without Warning. By Carl W. Ackerman. (United Press Staff Correspondent.) Berlin, Feb. 10.—Beginning with February 29, Germany will regard armed merchantmen as warships, according to a memorial, addressed to neutral nations, received by American Ambassador Gerard today.

Under Secretary Zimmerman declared: "We believe we can meet Secretary Lansing's idea about submarine warfare."

Germany is taking this step because of Great Britain's secret instructions to merchantmen to fire on submarines before they have any chance to attack. The memorial recited that there have been 19 such instances.

The time between now and the 29 is allowed so that neutral nations may have an opportunity to adjust their commerce to this new situation.

BRANDEIS INQUIRY IS ABOUT CONCLUDED

All His Principal Accuser Proves Is That He and Brandeis Disagreed

TOO MUCH OF BOTH

Washington, Feb. 10.—Senate investigators who yesterday heard Louis D. Brandeis, supreme court nominee, criticized as too friendly toward capital, today heard him criticized as being too unfriendly toward it.

Thomas C. Spellman, of New York, the first witness, made this attack, basing it on the 1910 rate case in which Brandeis appeared for the government.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Proceeding Spelling, J. W. Carmalt, examiner for the interstate commerce commission who took part in the 1910 and 1913 rate cases, said that Thorne need not have been surprised at Brandeis' stand in favor of more revenue. He declared Brandeis did not conceal his stand in the matter when it came time for final arguments, as it had been charged by Thorne. Moreover, Carmalt testified that he had notified Thorne about Brandeis' intention.

"Was Brandeis retained to help the railroads develop their business?" queried Senator Clark. "Didn't he use his talents against the public?"

"The record will show that fact to a degree," replied the witness. "Today's forty hour hearing session adjourned this afternoon to Tuesday after subpoenaing former President Melan of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad as a witness.

Have Nothing On Him. Washington, Feb. 10.—Friends of Louis D. Brandeis, Boston attorney, named by President Wilson for the supreme court bench, are confident that the outcome of senate committee hearings as to his fitness will be favorable.

"The majority of the committee," said one of Brandeis' supporters today, "indicated clearly that they thought the most Clifford Thorne proved was that he and Brandeis had different ideas as to how the five percent rate increase cases should have been conducted. There is no reason why the committee may not decide when it hears Brandeis that he was right and the Iowa commissioner wrong."

Answering Thorne's charges that Brandeis had "thrown" the rate case to the railroads, Joseph Teal, Portland, Oregon, attorney and Lieutenant Governor Esbensen, of California, came strongly to Brandeis' defense last night.

Teal said frankly he disagreed with the basis for Brandeis' arguments in the case, but said emphatically he did not believe Brandeis would betray anyone—much less the people—as Thorne had suggested. Teal held that the Bostonian submitted facts fairly, and that had he done otherwise that he did would have been negligent in his duty. He expressed surprise at the attitude taken by Thorne.

Esbensen spoke similarly. The present charges against Brandeis, he said, were the first reflection he had heard against the Bostonian's professional conduct. Indeed, he declared Brandeis had acted in the best of faith and in accordance with instructions given him by the interstate commerce commission when he was engaged.

Many Warrants to Issue Against Bomb Plotters. San Francisco, Feb. 10.—Issuance of warrants in the wholesale roundup of alleged German bomb plotters and neutrality violators was slated for this afternoon here.

German Consul Bopp, Vice Consul Von Schack, Chancery Klumpp and the consul and Turkish Consul Hall seemed likely to avoid actual service of the warrants though officials planned to ask them to provide bail.

Prominent business men, charged with participation in the alleged illegal "Sacramento expedition" to supply German squadrons, stood ready to provide bonds. No trouble was anticipated in rounding up the parties.

At the same time, immigration officials and Chinese were scheduled for service in the alleged Chinese smuggling conspiracy.

BOARD DOES GOOD WORK

New York, Feb. 10.—The deliberations of the new naval advisory board, headed by Thomas A. Edison, are bearing fruit. Already, the board has evolved a torpedo more deadly than that of any European power, has obtained secret plans of foreign battleships from which America can glean some lessons and has arranged for construction of a research laboratory in which the brains of America will develop means of making America pre-eminent in defense, provided congress gives a desired appropriation.

FRUIT JUICE CO. IS INCORPORATED IN SALEM AT \$150,000

H. S. Gile, W. T. Jenks and L. H. Roberts Form Pheasant Fruit Juice Co.

Another fruit juice company was organized in Salem today when articles of incorporation were filed at the office of the corporation commissioner for the Pheasant Fruit Juice company. The company is capitalized at \$150,000 and the incorporators are H. S. Gile, W. T. Jenks and L. H. Roberts, of Salem, and O. L. Ferris, of Portland. The stock of the company is divided into 1,500 shares with a par value of \$100 each and it is stated in the articles that not more than \$50,000 worth of the stock shall be preferred stock.

The principal office of the concern shall be located in Salem and the company proposes to conduct a general fruit juice, jellies, preserves and other products of the fruit.

A \$5,000,000 corporation filed articles to conduct a general line of steamships which are said to number 17 and the principal office will be located in Portland. The name of the big corporation is the Oriental Alliance Steamship company and it proposes to operate its boats between ports of United States and all other foreign ports of the world. The incorporators are Peter D. Milloy, F. V. Hoagland and H. M. Williams.

The Krebs Logus company, an insurance company, was incorporated at \$5,000 and the Gold Medal Bakers, also of Portland, was incorporated at \$2,000. The Blair Granite company, of Ashland, was incorporated at \$5,000 and the Lebanon Dressed Meat company filed notice of dissolution.

Missing Liner Orissa Reaches French Port

New York, Feb. 10.—Crippled by striking a rock on her course from South America, the British passenger liner Orissa has reached St. Nazaire, France, according to dispatches today. No casualties resulted, though the accident delayed her trip, so that now she is already eight days overdue at Liverpool.

This word relieved shipping men, anxious for the Orissa's safety, but left still shrouded in mystery the fate of some big passenger liner, described in London cables as meeting with a "terrible accident" in mid-Atlantic. Shipping men still discussed the possibility that a German raider had sunk or captured another liner, hard upon the seizure of the British liner Appam.

Chalked up on the list of missing ships at Liverpool in London are the following: The British steamers Satrap, Transmouth, Hammersea, Glenariff; the Italian liner Iniziativa and the Spanish steamer Benlure. All of these sailed late in December, and no word has been heard of any except the Benlure, which was wrecked on December 27 that she was sinking off the Scilly islands.

TRYING NEW AEROPLANE.

Santa Barbara, Cal., Feb. 10.—Perhaps the mysterious aeroplane which has caused excitement by maneuvering over coast towns is the new hydroplane perfected by an eastern inventor. Secretary McInnes of the chamber of commerce says an eastern aviator wrote him several weeks ago asking about conditions here. McInnes does not feel free to discuss the flyer's name or residence.

THE WEATHER

Oregon: Tonight and Friday occasional rains; tonight, moderate southerly gale; strong southerly westerly gale along the coast.



THINKS DOUGLAS DOES NOT SPEAK FOR THE PEOPLE

Alexander's \$50,000,000 Merchant Marine Bill Opposed by Organizations

PREFER SUBSIDY PLAN TO GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

Would Not Object To It If Government Would Quit After Five Years

Washington, Feb. 10.—In a hearing today on the Alexander \$50,000,000 government merchant marine bill, William Douglas, representing the chamber of commerce of the United States said the people of the country do not endorse the idea of governmental entrance into the shipping business.

This statement provoked Chairman Alexander to reply, "It is a question whether you speak for the people."

Then, when Douglas said the people are eager for a merchant marine, and do not care how they get it, Representative Hardy queried: "Doesn't the chamber propose to oppose this bill because the chamber favors a subsidy plan?"

"If the committee remains stubborn," retorted Douglas, "I think the chamber should oppose you. But if you limit the time the government shall continue in the business to five years, for example, I would probably support the bill."

When Douglas presented a referendum showing the chamber overwhelmingly opposed to the bill, and in favor of subsidies to foster growth of a marine, Chairman Alexander declared he had heard the rank and file of the local chamber at Portland, Oregon, had no opportunity to vote on the question.

Douglas claimed that a \$50,000,000 appropriation would give the government only 50 or 60 ships, whereas subsidies of \$5,000,000 or \$6,000,000 yearly would be the means of getting 400 to 500 ships in 10 years.

Daniels Wants Navy And Merchant Marine

Washington, Feb. 10.—Echoing the recent words of President Wilson, Secretary of the Navy Daniels today advocated the chamber of commerce of the United States a merchant marine flying the Stars and Stripes and an adequate navy, to uphold the rights of America. On this point, he said:

"Our farms grow more than the republic can use. We have the right to feed the world, and we do not propose to surrender that right or to permit it to be jeopardized."

As for the navy to maintain such rights Daniels added:

"If it is built according to the program of the administration, we will have by 1921 thirty-three capital ships of the first line, 10 armored cruisers, 108 destroyers, 17 submarines and smaller craft in proportion."

President Wilson addresses the organization tonight on preparedness and business.

No Tendency to Change Stock Prices Materially. (Copyright 1916 by the New York Evening Post.) New York, Feb. 10.—Business on the stock exchange today was again made up of professional speculators activity in industrial shares. Several of these were bid up violently in the middle of the day, and were then allowed to re-lapse with almost equal violence in the closing hour. It was, in short, a purposeless market, indicating nothing except that no general tendency exists for prices to change their level materially, but instead, in temporary fluctuations, to go up more easily than down.

The day's changes were irregular and unimportant. Railway stocks were again neglected and price variations were slight. There seemed to be some increase in foreign selling, presumably of securities held here for European account. Berlin exchange was lower.

HARD WINTER FOR CATS. Home, Feb. 10.—Even the cats of Italy are giving their nine lives for their country. But to-morrows, snuffing forth to ing whiskers off to trace some humble table d'hote. The high price of other meats has made cat flesh popular with the poor. Occasionally unscrupulous butchers pass cat meat off on inexperienced housewives as young lamb.

